stan covering bank drafts, mail transfers and telegraphic transfers as well as documentary letters of credit and collection of payments.

NAM Resolution over Bosnia Herzegovina

2800. SHRI SYED SIBTY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Non-Aligned Movement Foreign Ministers Conference, held at Jakarta, have approved a resolution calling for Special UN Session on Bosnia-Herzegovina;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with background for such a resolution;

(c) whether Members of NAM have made any efforts to achieve their objectives;

(d) whether Government propose to take some initiatives in this regard; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) The Consultative Meeting of Foreign Ministers of Select Nonaligned countries was convened in Jakarta from February 9-11, 1994. The situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina was one of the issues discussed during the meeting. No resolution was adopted by the Ministers on the subject, However, it was agreed that that the NAM Coordinating Bureau in New York should convene a meeting of member States to explore avenues for further action through the United Nations Channels.

(d) and (e) India is a member of the NAM Task Force established to develop a coordinated NAM position on this issue. We are working closely with fellow NAM member States to evolve a consensus on the future course of action for the Nonaligned Movement with regard to Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Bilateral Dialogue between India and U.S.A.

2801. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some bilateral dialogue at the Senior Officers level of India and U.S. held at New Delhi during February, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the details of issued discussed;

(c) whether these dialogues would make a basis for strengthening the relations of the two countries in the political, economic and technological fields;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether these dialogues will continue to make basis for visit of Prime Minister to Washington during the current year; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (f) The Director in the US State Department's Bureau for South Asian Affairs, visited India from February 16—20, 1994. His visit formed part of a familiarization tour to select countries in the region. Such familiarization visits are routine for officials of the US State Department.

During the course of his visit, the US official met his counterparts in the Ministries of External Affairs, Finance, Home and Commerce. Discussions covered Indo-US relations and facilitated a useful exchange of views which contributed to a better understanding of each other's perception.